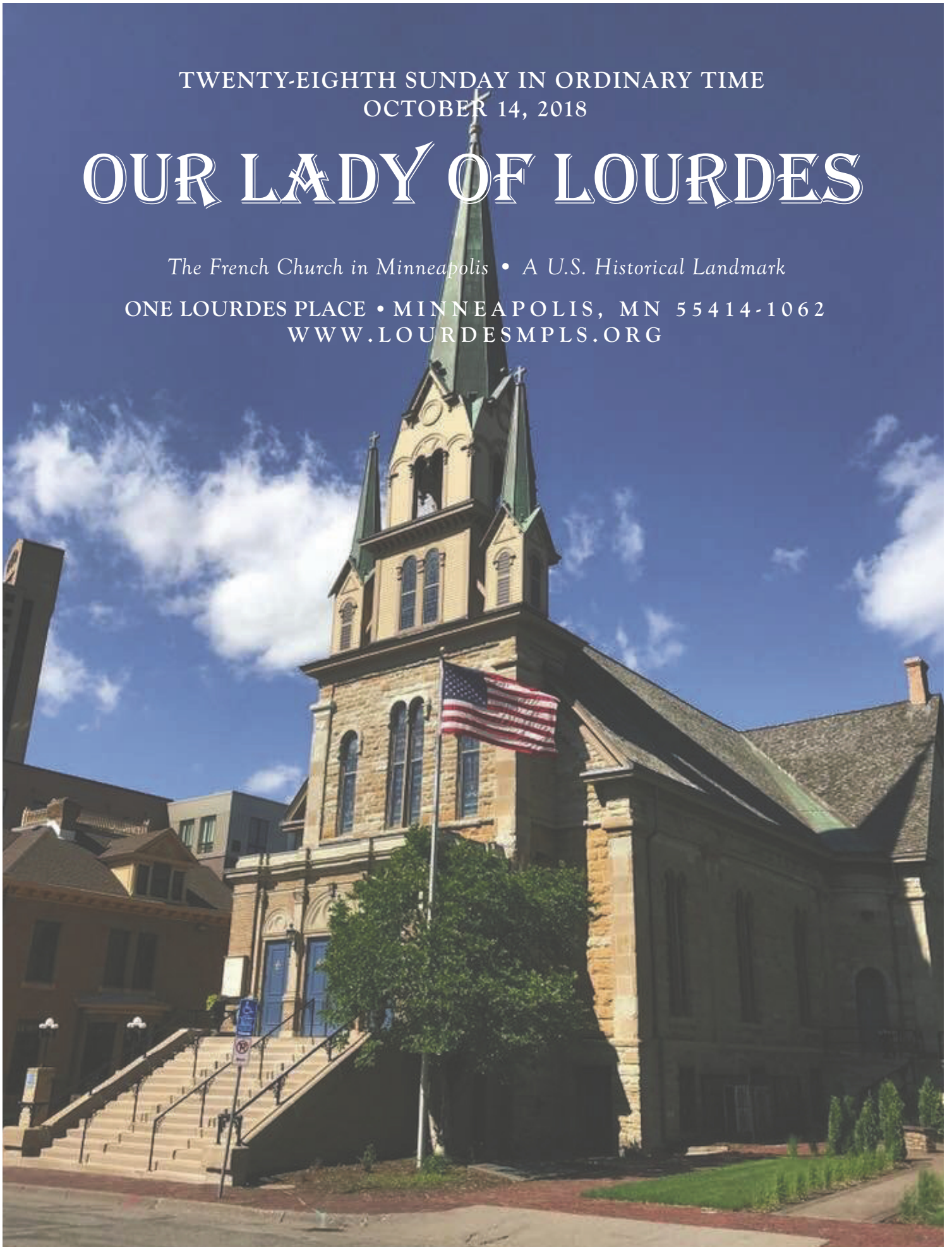


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A NEW APOLOGETICS: BISHOP BARRON'S YOUTH SYNOD INTERVENTION

Jesus' encounter with two erstwhile disciples on the road to Emmaus provides a beautiful template for the Church's work of accompaniment across the ages. The Lord walks with the couple, even as they move away from Jerusalem, which is to say, spiritually speaking, in the wrong direction. He does not commence with a word of judgment, but rather with attention and quiet encouragement. Jesus continues to listen, even as they recount, accurately enough, all the data having to do with him. But then, knowing that they lack the interpretive pattern that will make sense of the data, he upbraids them ("Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke!"), and then he lays out the form ("beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures."). He listens with love, and he speaks with force and clarity.

Innumerable surveys and studies over the past ten years have confirmed that young people frequently cite intellectual reasons when asked what has prompted them to leave the Church or lose confidence in it. Chief among these are the convictions that religion is opposed to science or that it cannot stand up to rational scrutiny, that its beliefs are outmoded, a holdover from a primitive time, that the Bible is unreliable, that religious belief gives rise to violence, and that God is a threat to human freedom. I can verify, on the basis of twenty years of ministry in the field of online evangelization, that these concerns are crucial stumbling blocks to the acceptance of the faith among young people.

What is vitally needed today, as an aspect of the accompaniment of the young, is a renewed apologetics and catechesis. I realize that in some circles within the Church, the term apologetics is suspect, since it seems to indicate something rationalistic, aggressive, condescending. I hope it is clear that arrogant proselytizing has no place in our pastoral outreach, but I hope it is equally clear that an intelligent, respectful, and culturally-sensitive explication of the faith ("giving a reason for the hope that is within us") is certainly a desideratum. There is a consensus among pastoral people that, at least in the West, we have experienced a crisis in catechesis these last fifty years. That the faith has not been effectively communicated was verified by the most recent Religious Landscape Study, from the Pew Research Center in America. It indicated that, among the major religions, Catholicism was second to last in passing on its traditions. Why has it been the case, over the past several decades, that young people in our own Catholic secondary schools have read Shakespeare in literature class, Homer in Latin class, Einstein in physics class, but, far too often, superficial texts in religion? The army of our young who claim that religion is irrational is a bitter fruit of this failure in education.

Therefore, what would a new apologetics look like? First, it would arise from the questions that young people spontaneously ask. It would not be imposed from above but would rather emerge organically from below, a response to the yearning of the mind and the heart. Here it would take a cue from the method of St. Thomas Aquinas. The austere texts of the great theological master in point of fact emerged from the lively give-and-take of the *quaestiones disputatae* that stood at the heart of the educational process in the medieval university. Thomas was deeply interested in what young people were really asking. So should we.

Secondly, a new apologetics should look deep and long into the question of the relationship between religion and science. For many people today, scientific and rational are simply equivalent or co-extensive terms. And therefore, since religion is obviously not science, it must be irrational. Without for a moment denigrating the sciences, we have to show that there are non-scientific and yet eminently rational paths that conduce toward knowledge of the real. Literature, drama, philosophy, the fine arts—all close cousins of religion—not only entertain and delight; they also bear truths that are unavailable in any other way. A renewed apologetics ought to cultivate these approaches.

Thirdly, our apologetics and catechesis should walk the *via pulchritudinis*, as Pope Francis characterized it in *Evangelii Gaudium*. Especially in our postmodern cultural context, commencing with the true and the good—what to believe and how to behave—is often counter-indicated, since the ideology of self-invention is so firmly established. However, the third transcendental, the beautiful, often proves a more winsome, less threatening, path. And part of the genius of Catholicism is that we have so consistently embraced the beautiful—in song, poetry, architecture, painting, sculpture, and liturgy. All of this provides a powerful matrix for evangelization. And as Hans Urs von Balthasar argued, the most compelling beauty of all is that of the saints. I have found a good deal of evangelical traction in presenting the lives of these great friends of God, somewhat in the manner of a baseball coach who draws young adepts into the game by showing them the play of some of its greatest practitioners.

When Jesus explained himself to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, their hearts began to burn within them. The Church must walk with young people, listen to them with attention and love, and then be ready intelligently to give a reason for the hope that is within us. This, I trust, will set the hearts of the young on fire. *October 4, 2018*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	5:00 pm	For the Parish
Sunday	8:30 am	† William Daulton
	11:00 am	† Randy Ruffo
	7:00 pm	† Joe O'Donnell
Monday	12:05 pm	† Arthur Pierskalla
Tuesday	12:05 pm	† Rod Anthony
Wednesday	12:05 pm	For the Sick
Thursday	12:05 pm	Holmes Greenway Housing
Friday	12:05 pm	For the Unborn

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE ST. BONIFACE POLKA MASS AND GERMAN DINNER OCTOBER 14th

The 29th annual Polka Mass and German dinner at St. Boniface is set for October 14th, beginning with Mass at 10 am. Enjoy traditional German fare including Jaegerschnitzel, dumplings, sauerkraut and beehive pastries! Dancing again this year with the Rod Cerar Band. Adults are \$12 and take out is available!

MEN'S BIBLE BOOT CAMP WITH JEFF CAVINS October 20th

Learn the basics of the Bible in one day! Study the structure of the Bible, how to lead your family to read the Bible, and the story of Salvation History. Discover the heroic men of the Bible. Cost: \$40 (Includes workbook, donuts and hearty lunch. FREE for sons under 18.) This event will take place on Saturday, October 20th at Risen Savior Catholic Church in Burnsville. Register at TheCatholicWatchmen.com. Questions? Contact Enzo Randazzo at randazzov@archspm.org.

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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

For information regarding Baptism, Marriage, Visitation of the Sick, Faith Formation and RCIA, please visit our website or contact the parish office.



WELCOME TO THE FRENCH CHURCH!

The French Canadian settlers who founded this parish in 1877 could never have imagined the riverfront today! The church structure was built in the mid 1850s, by a Unitarian congregation; was vacant for about a decade; and was then purchased (for \$5000!) and remodeled by the French Canadians. We are still referred to as "The French Church."

We welcome our parishioners, friends and visitors to Our Lady of Lourdes, the oldest church in continuous use in Minneapolis. If you are visiting Minneapolis, have a safe and enjoyable stay and come back soon! Interested in joining our parish? Registration is available on our parish website; we would love to have you with us at our vibrant, urban parish!

JUSTICE & CHARITY

LET JESUS HEAL YOUR HEART

OCTOBER 16th - 18th

If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, come and experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on our weekday retreat. The next Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities' retreat is October 16-18, 2018. For more information, contact rachels@rvineyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313, or go to www.rvineyardmn.org.

UPCOMING HUNGER MINISTRY

VOLUNTEER EVENTS

Our biannual Dinner for the Hungry meal prep and delivery, is set for the weekend of November 10th.

The next Sharing & Caring Hands volunteer date is November 20th. Sharing and Caring Hands was established to be a bridge from the caring, concerned community to the people in need of their help. Lourdes volunteers are active in this important hunger ministry. Volunteers are asked to arrive at the location around 10:15 am. The address is 525 North 7th Street in Minneapolis. We wrap up at about 1 pm. Parking is available in the Sharing and Caring lot or nearby metered street parking. For more volunteer contact Mark Ditter at mark.ditter@gmail.com or complete the volunteer signup form.



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SECOND ANNUAL MASS OF SOLIDARITY OCTOBER 21st

Join us at the Cathedral of Saint Paul on October 21st at 5 pm for the Second Annual Mass of Solidarity. Archbishop Bernard Hebda and Bishop Andrew Cozzens invite all Catholics to join our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters from around the world. This Mass is part of the two-year, "Share the Journey" campaign, launched by Pope Francis in 2017, to support those who have left, or have been displaced from, their home countries. All are encouraged to share the richness of their culture by wearing the clothes of their native culture or ethnicity.

CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOP

OCTOBER 27th

Explore the ancient teaching of the Church on how the gifts (or charisms) of the Holy Spirit work in our life and in the life of our parish. During this one-day workshop, you will learn the signs and characteristics of the most common charisms of the Holy Spirit. Church of the Epiphany, 1900 111th Ave NW, Coon Rapids. Cost: \$80 per person. Includes: materials, refreshments, and follow-up personal discernment guidance. Register at archspm.org/called-gifted. Questions? Contact Patrick Conley at 651-357-1340, pccley@cathedralsaintpaul.org or Jill Fink at 763-862-4355, jfink@epiphanymn.org.

MASS FOR JUSTICE, HEALING & PEACE

NOVEMBER 14th

We will offer our highest prayer for people who have been harmed. This Mass for Justice, Healing and Peace will begin at 6 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes. The evening will also include a testimonial from a victim survivor of clergy abuse.

Following our Mass for Justice, Healing and Peace, will be an introduction to Restorative Justice and Healing Circles in Hofstede Hall from 7 till 9 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

THE FRENCH CHURCH

OUR FAMOUS FRENCH MEAT PIES

Tourtieres, French Meat Pies, were a favorite of the French Canadian families who founded Our Lady of Lourdes. For over 100 years, we have continued that tradition with our meat pie making events. The next event is scheduled for October 27th! More information about our Meat Pie bakes is available on the parish website.



Meat pies are available for sale for \$20 each, during parish office hours Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am till 4:30 pm!

THE UNIVERSAL CALL TO HOLINESS OCTOBER 14th



Here are the upcoming talks in our *Holiness & Mission* and *Faith in Action* series. The full year schedule of these adult faith formation talks is available on the parish website, including additional information about the speakers and topics.

October 14th – *Holiness & Mission: The Universal Call to Holiness*, with Father Dan Griffith
November 11th – *Holiness & Mission: Vigilance, Discernment and Pope Francis*, with Father David Haschka

These formation program talks begin at 9:45 am and continue till about 10:45 am, in Hofstede Hall. Refreshments are available and everyone is welcome.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY MORNING NOVEMBER 3rd

Thanks to everyone who joined us for the Liturgical Ministers event on September 15th! Your participation and feedback was most appreciated. Three important notes regarding next steps:

The schedule will be extended and current lay ministers will receive a two-month calendar as well as a calendar the week they are scheduled to serve.

Save **November 3rd** for an important training meeting. All Liturgical Ministers: Greeters, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers, are invited to attend to learn about the plan for new schedules and in some cases, updated roles, for these lay ministries.

The First Sunday of Advent, **December 2nd**, is the start of a new Liturgical Year. The new program will go into place at that time. Interested in becoming a liturgical minister? Contact Chris Ganza at Christopher@lourdesmpls.org.



ALL SAINTS DAY–ALL SOULS DAY OCTOBER 28th

The Feasts of All Saints and All Souls Day will be the inspiration for two programs on **Sunday, October 28th** beginning at 9:45 am in Hofstede Hall.

Our Adult Faith Formation talk that morning is *Holiness & Mission: The Beatitudes and the Witness of the Saints*, presented by Prof. Susan Stabile.

Our Children's Faith Formation program, will include the first of this year's intergenerational family events, and also begins at 9:45 am. Lots of activities to learn about these important feast days: the amazing stories of the saints, the meaning and tradition of All Soul's Day, and activities for a tribute for the loved ones who have gone before us. Check out our parish website for more information about this and upcoming family events at Lourdes!



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